COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BUDGET SESSION OF 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Thursday, the 28th of July 1927.
12th of Karkadagam 1102.

As was settled on the previous day, the Council met at 12 a. m. in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, to continue its business, the Diwan presiding. All the Members, except Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, and J. T. Murray, were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The answering of Questions.

50. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the recent notification about rules relating to questions and answers in the Madras Legislative Council (published in *the Hindu* and other Madras Dailies) which proposes to distribute to all Members a preliminary list containing the questions without answers on the day previous to the date on which they would be answered in the Council ;

(b) whether this practice will be followed in our Council also ; and if not, to give the reason for refusing to do so ?

Mr. T.K. Krishna Menon.—(a) Government have obtained information on the subject from the Secretary to the Madras Legislative Council. It is to this effect; "A preliminary list of *starred questions* tabled for a particular day without answers is printed and circulated to all Members on the day previous to the date on which they would be answered in the Council," and "a list of questions both starred and unstarred" with answers is placed on the table one hour before the meeting.

(b) No, as all the questions will have to be printed twice over, once without answers and then with answers, and as the benefit that will be derived by this procedure is not commensurate with the trouble and expense.

Opening of new Schools.

51. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Education Department is following

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any definite rules in giving sanction to the opening of new schools; if, any definite rules are followed, will the Government kindly state what they are?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Please see Chapter III of *the Education Code, Vol. I.*

52. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if, before sanction to open a new school is accorded, any enquiry is held to find out whether the new school would affect the schools already existing in the locality; if any enquiry is held, will the Government be pleased to state who conducts the enquiry and the nature of the enquiry conducted?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes. The Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting Officers conduct the inquiries on the lines laid down in *the Education Code.*

53. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the Education Department ascertain the opinion of the authorities of existing schools as to the necessity of the new school and its effect on their schools before sanction for new schools is accorded?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, if such an enquiry is found necessary.

Abkari cases.

54. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the number of Abkari cases detected in 1102 and the previous three years;

(b) by whom they were detected;

(c) how many of these cases were disposed of in each year?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—

Year.	Number of Abkari cases detected.
1099	676
1100	950
1101	672
1102 up to 21—11—1102	783

(b) By the Officers of the Excise and Police Departments.

(c)

Year.	Total disposal in each year.
1099	614
1100	874
1101	633
1102 (up to 21—11—1102)	569

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